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Chouteau Island evacuated; levee breaks

42 families leave homes

Madison County officials are asking volunteers and sightseers to stay away from Chouteau Island.

"The island was flooded when a levee burst Thursday morning. The more homes we are down there, the better off we are," county Emergency Management Agency Director Larry Darr said.

About 42 families were evacuated at about 3 p.m. Wednesday, 18 hours before a levee on the northwest side of the island failed.

Floodwaters broke through the levee protecting the island at about 8:15 a.m. Thursday. The island, located between the Mississippi River and the Chain of Rocks Canal, also had flooded in 1973.

The Chain of Rocks Recycling and Disposal Facility on the island was shut down at about 9 a.m. Thursday, 45 minutes after a 250-foot stretch of the levee collapsed, said Jim Nowicki, regional vice president for Waste Management of Metro East, which owns the landfill.

"There doesn't appear to be any environmental threat at this point since the facility is protected by berms and additional cover we laid down. We have suspended operations as a precautionary measure," Nowicki said.

Sandbagging efforts at the levee on the Mississippi River side of the island were called off Wednesday afternoon after it

became apparent there was no way to hold off the water, Darr said.

Those evacuated were taken to a temporary American Red Cross shelter at the Chouteau Township Building on Thorngate Drive. Food and tetanus shots were being provided.

All of those evacuated had found more permanent shelter by Friday morning, said Red Cross volunteer Elmer Dehn. Canoes and rowboats were the primary source of transportation Thursday morning as residents traversed the flood waters to inspect the damage to their homes, many of which were under several feet of water.

An emergency services command post was established at the foot of the Canal Bridge. County emergency services personnel, state police, Red Cross volunteers and ambulance personnel were on hand to tackle emergencies.

"Please, no sightseers," said Madison County Sheriff Bob Churchich, who has posted deputies on Chain of Rocks Road to keep everyone but residents off the island.

Residents were being allowed to go back to their homes to retrieve personal property, Churchich said. However, county officials said they could not predict how long it would be before the island is completely covered as it was 20 years ago. (See ISLAND, Page 3A)



An aerial view of the north side of Chouteau Island flooded by the Mississippi River. By Thursday morning water from the river had reached halfway up the Chain-of-Rocks Canal levee. (Staff photo by PAM DOEPFEL-HURD)

MESD weathering storm

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Walter "Shang" Greathouse was a very busy man last week.

Greathouse, president of the Metro East Sanitary District, said he has been working about 22 hours a day since the rising Mississippi River appeared to be threatening the region.

"We've been out there watching the river rise by the inch — not by the foot, but by the inch," Greathouse said Friday.

"Nobody ever pays any attention to the levee district until the river gets up to 30 to 40 feet. Then, they, all 600 of 'em, call at once wanting to know what we're doing," Greathouse said.

The river was at 41.2 feet Friday morning, Greathouse said. He said the National Weather Service is predicting that the river will crest here at 45 feet on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

That level would exceed the record-breaking flood of 1973, which reached a stage of 53.3 feet in April of that year. "It's amazing. The west side is all under water. The north end is under water. Belleville's swamped."

"And we're dry. Wouldn't you think we're doing something right?" Greathouse said.

He said a \$38 million rehabilitation project (See MESD, Page 3A)

Flood disaster declared

Gov. Jim Edgar declared Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties state disaster areas Wednesday.

"This means that we'll be able to assist these counties with state resources," Edgar said. "We are asking these counties to let us know of their needs."

The declaration allows property owners to seek property tax adjustments to reflect damages caused by the flood. The raging Illinois and Missis-

sippi rivers will probably wash out the record set in 1973, said Jerry Rapp of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"We're expecting the flooding rivers to break all records from Alton to Grafton to Iowa," Rapp said Thursday.

The rivers may rise to 33.5 feet on Tuesday in Grafton, breaking the record of 33.2 feet set April 28, 1973, Rapp said.

For persons wishing to help flood victims, the Salvation

Army and Red Cross have provided the following information.

In Illinois, donations should be dropped off at the following Salvation Army locations: Granite City, 3007 E. 23rd St.; Belleville, 4100 W. Main St.; and Alton, 525 Alby St.

Items needed include main dish-type canned goods like stew or chicken and dumplings; soda; personal hygiene and paper products. (See DISASTER, Page 3A)

Novotny faces charge

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Former Granite City car dealer John Novotny now faces criminal charges in addition to other legal problems associated with his troubled business.

Novotny was charged Wednesday with two counts of disposing of collateral and failing to pay the secured party in a security agreement.

The charges result from an investigation by the Illinois Secretary of State police.

Novotny was arrested Thursday, pleaded not guilty and was released on his own recognizance, according to his attorney, Bill Scutty.

According to the formal charges, Novotny, a St. Louis resident, sold a 1991 Ford Explorer 4x4 for \$18,763 without paying Ford Motor Credit of Earth City, Mo., and sold a 1992 Chevrolet pickup (See NOVOTNY, Page 10A)

\$13.4 million city budget studied

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City is considering a budget of more than \$13.4 million for the current fiscal year.

While the city's fiscal year runs from May 1 through April 30, city leaders are just now putting the final touches on a proposed general fund budget for 1993-94.

The proposed budget lists expected revenue of \$12,743,105 and expenditures of \$13,415,896, resulting in a projected \$672,791 shortfall for the year.

The shortfall would eat into an estimated \$2,080,000 surplus on hand May 1, according to City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart.

While the 1992-93 budget projected a \$50,000

deficit, expenditures last year came in well under budget and resulted in a surplus of nearly \$718,000 to add to the \$1,362,000 already on hand.

The proposed budget provides for no raises for union city employees except for a 3.5 percent salary increase for police officers as set forth in a contract settlement decided by an arbitrator earlier this year.

Negotiations are currently under way with all of the other unions representing city employees.

While the firefighters' contract expired April 30 of this year, all other city employees — painters, laborers, teamsters and "white collar" workers — have been working without contracts since May 1, 1992.

Of the expenditures, \$9,225,305 — or 68.76

percent of the total budget — is allocated for salaries and benefits for employees. That figure could increase by as much as \$200,000 if other union city employees receive salary increases equal to that of the police officers, MacTaggart said.

Department heads had requested that a total of \$463,660 of the budget be set aside for equipment purchases, but the aldermanic Finance Committee trimmed those requests by more than \$208,000, MacTaggart said.

Of the city departments receiving \$1 million or more, the budget appropriates (in millions):

Police.....\$3.434
Fire.....\$3.210
Financial.....\$2.397
(See BUDGET, Page 10A)

Crime concerns new alderwoman

By Kevin Glenn
Correspondent

Eleanor Armour is carrying a full load her freshman year. But books aren't even the least of her burdens. Armour, the first elected woman alderman in Madison, said she wants to rid Madison of drug abuse and bring business back into town.

"It's just scary the way things are going," Armour said. "Currently, she said, Madison is a place of business flight, welfare plight and crack houses down the block. The older people are scared," she said.

She cited the recent closing of a Hardee's restaurant at 1118 Madison Ave., Madison, as a sign that city problems are driving shops out of town.

To be honest, Armour said, she is not sure what she can do to help.

"I'm really a novice — I don't know all the rules and regulations yet," she said. "But I'm trying."

For Armour, the effort is an especially uphill battle. She said two facts work against her: she's newly elected, and she's a woman.

She said she feels "like an outsider" among the other aldermen. "I don't think they have the faith in me yet," she said.

"Politics makes strange bedfellows, they say. Everyone's just going to have to work together. And it's not going to happen overnight."

Armour does have solutions in mind for the city. She said the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program at local schools seems to help the upcoming generation.

DARE is a comprehensive drug prevention program taught to fifth and sixth graders by specially trained police officers. But it seems that little can be done about drug dealers already on the streets, she said. "We have a good police department and I believe they really try hard. But, hey, they can only do so much," she said.

Armour said that, perhaps, if police "keep harassing them on" (See ARMOUR, Page 10A)

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DUI crackdown here reducing crashes

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Tougher enforcement of drunken driving laws has been a priority at the Granite City Police Department in the 1990s. According to Sgt. Tim Lyerla, arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol have tripled in the city since 1990.

Also during that time, 90 percent of those charged with DUI have had their driver's license suspended. That rate compares well with the state average, said Assistant Chief Dave Ruebhausen.

And stepped-up DUI enforcement has helped reduce the accident rate in the city by more than 250 crashes per year—a decrease of more than 10 percent, Ruebhausen said.

The enhanced DUI enforcement has been made possible by grants obtained from the state and federal

governments.

Grant money has been used to help pay overtime for officers working special DUI enforcement details.

It has also been used to purchase equipment, such as a patrol car specially-equipped for DUI enforcement.

Lyerla received a letter of commendation from Police Chief Jim Lengyel last week. The letter cites Lyerla's "tireless effort in pursuit of the DUI grant for the last two years."

Lyerla's "diligence, fact-finding and dedication" led to the receipt of \$168,274 in grant funds from the state and from the federal government over the last two years, according to the letter.

"Enhanced" DUI enforcement has helped reduce the accident rate and resulted in better traffic law compliance in general," Ruebhausen said.

Union wants temporary budget

By Kelly Kribben
Staff writer

With the prospect of payless paydays looming, Illinois' largest union of state and university employees is urging Gov. Jim Edgar and members of the General Assembly to pass a temporary budget to meet the state's payroll if a final budget agreement is not reached this week-end.

In a letter to Edgar and the four legislative leaders, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) said that if a budget agreement was not reached by this weekend, the paychecks for thousands of state employees will be delayed.

"The comptroller's office has informed us that it will have no choice under state law but to

delay the paychecks for nearly 10,000 state and university employees if a state budget is not in place," said Henry Bayer, AFSCME Council 31 executive director.

"And within a week, paychecks will be delayed for tens of thousands of additional workers."

He said that if it becomes clear that a final budget agreement cannot be reached before the end of this weekend, it is the responsibility of the leaders of this state to pass a temporary budget containing sufficient funds to pay the state's payroll.

Bayer said the governor called for a temporary budget the last time this situation developed, in 1991, and the AFSCME urged him and leaders of the General

Assembly to support such a solution this time.

"In addition to the hardships a payless payday would impose upon employees and their families, it is our belief that the failure of the state to issue paychecks promptly is a violation of federal law," Bayer said.

"We are prepared to go into federal court if the budget standoff is not resolved."

He said state employees have continued to diligently perform public services to the citizens of Illinois despite thousands of layoffs in the past two years.

"It would be grossly unfair, as well as a severe blow to the morale of the state and university work force, if employees are forced to endure payless paydays because of a stalemate in the legislature," he added.

Burris, Triaminic reach agreement

Illinois Attorney General Roland W. Burris and his colleagues in 31 other states have entered into an agreement with the manufacturer of Triaminic, a children's cough syrup, in which the company will cease describing its "new and improved" formula which contains only half the amount of active ingredient which was contained in the old formula.

Illinois will also receive more than \$72,000 as part of an \$800,000 settlement to be paid to 11 of the states signing the agreement.

The reformulated Triaminic products required twice the previous dosage in order to be effective, although this dosage change was not prominently displayed.

The Attorney General contend-

ed that the changes amounted to nothing more than a thinly-disguised doubling of the product's price, since twice as much was required to obtain the same effect.

Sandoz Pharmaceuticals Corporation, the makers of Triaminic, denied that the labeling claims were misleading.

However, in an *American Voluntary Compliance*, the New Jersey-based company agreed to drop the phrases "New" and/or "Improved" from the label and to prominently display the dosage change.

Sandoz will provide the information on both the label and on an insert inside the box in which the company will explain the difference between the previous and current formulas of Triaminic.

New Alton Belle hits jackpot

SPRINGFIELD — The Alton Belle II, in its first full month of operation in June, rolled into second place for both passengers and revenues on Illinois betting boats.

Only The Empress in Joliet topped the Alton Belle for June, according to a report released by the Illinois Gaming Board Wednesday.

The Belle had 123,885 passengers and gaming revenues of \$7,421,330 in June, an increase of about 50 percent over the 79,047 passengers and \$5,173,186 in revenues for May when the smaller original Alton Belle operated most of the month.

The Belle II had an average of about 4,100 passengers per day in June. That compares with a daily average of 2,370 for the year that ended June 30.

The larger boat also pumped up tax revenues for the city of Alton, which raked in \$484,952 in June compared with \$337,705 in May.

The much larger East St. Louis Casino Queen had 39,040 passengers in its first nine days of operation during June, an average of about 4,300 per day, but per-passenger gaming losses were substantially less.

The Queen's passengers lost an average of \$36 compared with \$60 on the Belle.

The Casino Queen is the ninth highest casino to operate in Illinois.

The Joliet Empress continued its strong lead over other boats, with 174,013 passengers and about \$14.1 million in gambling revenues for June.

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Police Sgt. Tim Lyerla receives a letter of commendation from Assistant Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen.

Raging Mississippi lays claim to West Alton

WEST ALTON, Mo. — A controlled break to ease pressure on the Maches Levee failed to keep the flooding Mississippi River out of town.

Water rushed in early Thursday, inundating farm fields, highways and homes.

"We're trying to assess the damage now," Mark Echele of the Emergency Operations Center in St. Charles County, Mo., said this morning. "The town is in the path of the flood, and the water is constantly rising. All we can do is watch it."

"The street is full, and it's creeping up into my yard," said West Alton resident Pat Sadler. From her St. Charles Street home, she spotted driftwood floating down the block about 8 a.m. Wednesday. She said the water was rolling down Missouri Highway 94 at a rate of 3 inches a minute early Thursday.

"We're in a situation now where we're trying anything and everything," Echele said. "We know it will reach the 1973 record level or better."

Disaster officials gave the river a break about 4 p.m. Wednesday by opening sandbags atop the levee at Highway 94 and allowing water to run down the road into the fields.

"We tried to engineer it to control the water," said spokesman Rob Wylie of the St. Charles County Emergency Management Agency.

Several hours later, two unidentified men drove their boat into the levee and fled. "The levee had already breached itself, but they opened it a little more before running off into the woods," he said.

Officials said they were unsure if this morning's surge was the result of a new break or the river enlarging the controlled break.

They ordered a complete evacuation of West Alton before pulling down some of the sandbags and letting the water run in Wednesday afternoon because the buildup of pressure against the soggy levee posed an imminent danger to residents, Wylie said.

Emergency Management Agency Director Gary Schuchardt said the controlled release was better than doing nothing. Without some type of relief on the levee, officials feared it would blow out and swamp residents, he said.

Civil engineer Len Ross of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had predicted a levee break if something was not done to relieve the pressure.

"What we wanted to do was avoid the sudden rush and the churning that could tear up the levee," said Ross, who is responsible for the river from Portage des Sioux, Mo., to Jefferson Barracks.

Forecasters studying recent rains in the upper Mississippi and Missouri river valleys were predicting a record flood at West Alton, exceeding the 1973 levels. That prompted the evacuation order and the release Wednesday.

"I think we have everyone out who is going to go out," Wylie said. "Of an estimated population of 800, about 30 to 50 people decided to stay with their homes. No injuries were reported."

Sadler stayed behind to watch relatives' homes.

"You have to be here to do the last-minute things because the river never comes in the same way. It's acting different now than it did in April."

She said she was content to sit, wait and hope for no more rain.

"The Mississippi at Alton stood at 33.5 feet at 6 a.m. Wednesday. The projected record crest is 37 feet Tuesday. In 1973, the worst flood on record reached 36.7 feet at Alton."

The next week's crest could be revised upward because of thunderstorms in Iowa and Illinois Wednesday.

"It's darn serious," Schuchardt said.

The river has been rising half a foot a day since Monday and seeping through the Maches Levee protecting 100 West Alton homes and prime acreage surrounding it.

The Missouri Air National Guard and volunteers moved out of West Alton about 11 p.m. Wednesday to near St. Charles.

The Missouri River was expected to hit 37.5 feet at St. Charles by Saturday, almost 13 feet above flood stage.

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'Heritage' to go on sale here Sunday

"Looking Back at Granite City's Heritage" will go on sale Sunday, July 18.

Covering the period of 1801 through 1892, the book describes Granite City's "humble beginnings, industrial growth and government."

The third book by Georgia Engleke, it features all of Granite City's mayors, from James G. McRoberts (1896) to Ron Selph (1993), including photographs of all but the first two mayors, McRoberts and Mark Henson.

A descendant of the Gillsams, who were among the first settlers in southwestern Illinois, Mrs. Engleke has done extensive historical research.

She was the organizer of the Old Six Mile Historical Society and is the author of the Old Six Mile Museum, 3279 Maryville Road at Stratford Lane, Granite City.

The new book, costing \$7.95, will go on sale at the museum Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. The author will be present during the afternoon to autograph copies of the 72-page volume.

After July 18, the book will be available for sale at the museum; at the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce, 1831 Delmar Ave.; and at the Legacy Golf Course pro shop.

Engleke's previous books were "Old Six Mile," a 1976 study of the early history of Granite City, and "The Great American Bottom," a history of the bottom land of the Mississippi River in southern Illinois.

"Old Six Mile" copies have been sold out for some time, but because of demand an additional 250 copies have been printed. They will be placed on sale here, at \$5.

Also being placed on sale, at \$14, are 200 copies of the late Margaret Barker's "Volume I: Clippings and Chatting," including talks of local history heard at meetings of the Old Six Mile Historical Society.

Engleke was a teacher in the Granite City school district for 23 years.

Tax hearing in Madison on Tuesday

Madison residents will get a chance to voice their opinions Tuesday night on a proposal to reinstate the city's utility tax on water and telephone service.

A public hearing on the proposed tax will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Madison Recreation Center, Seventh Street and Lee Avenue.

The City Council voted unanimously last Tuesday night to put three ordinances reinstating the tax on first reading.

The ordinances place a tax of an unspecified percentage on water, intrastate telephone service and interstate telephone service. The law, the maximum percentage of each tax would be 5 percent.

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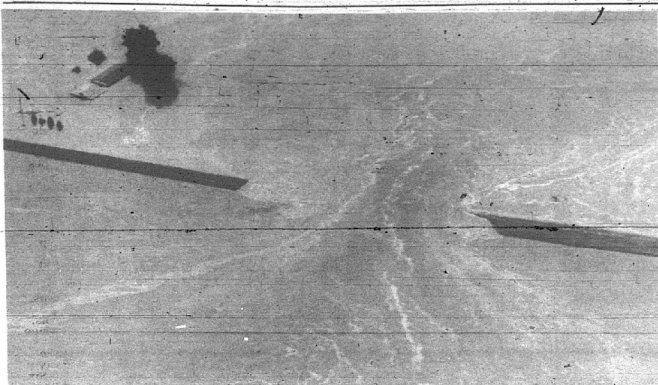
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Water from the Mississippi River flows through a break in the levee at Chouteau Island near Granite City on Thursday morning. The island had been evacuated Wednesday night.



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Flood waters from the Mississippi River surround the Chouteau Island landfill Thursday after the island's levee failed.

(Air transportation courtesy of Parks College)

Disaster

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Cash donations can be mailed to The Salvation Army, 3800 Lindell, St. Louis, Mo. 63108. Checks should be marked "flood relief." Information about shelter and feeding sites can be obtained by calling 1-800-288-6861. The American Red Cross has opened 10 shelters for evacuated residents. Two of the shelters are in Illinois: at the Mitchell Senior Citizen Center, 906 Thorngate Drive, and at the Grafton Grade School on Main Street in Grafton. Pets are not permitted in the shelters. Persons who want to assist flood victims can make a financial contribution to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund, P.O. Box 70059, St. Louis, Mo. 63179-0059. Residents who would like to volunteer with the Red Cross should call 1-814-997-9873. A Red Cross official said the agency does not coordinate sandbagging activities. Those want-

ing to help in that effort should contact their local civil defense authorities.

Since June 29, the Red Cross has served more than 25,000 meals to evacuating residents and emergency workers.

Anheuser-Busch donated \$250,000 each to the Salvation Army and the American Red Cross on Wednesday to help Southern Illinois and Missouri flood victims.

Meanwhile, floodwaters broke through the levee protecting Chouteau Island near Granite City about 8:15 a.m. Thursday. As the flood waters continued to rise, Grafton and state road crews were bulldozing a road Thursday from Illinois 3 in the Jersey Hollow to Illinois 100 near City Hall, Grafton Mayor Gerald Naim said.

National Guard soldiers were patrolling Grafton to prevent looting and to enforce a 10 p.m. curfew.

Floodwaters closed the Pere Marquette Youth Center. The staff and 46 youths have set up

operations in a formerly vacant building at the Alton Mental Health and Development Center.

The Mississippi rolled toward downtown Alton Thursday, covering Riverfront Park and the intersection of Broadway, Front Street and Plaza Street.

Water stood at least five feet deep in front of the ConAgra flour mill and Manager Oren Cummins said the operation would be shut down Friday. All 105 employees would be put to work sandbagging, he said.

Business people along Plaza and Third streets were packing up merchandise and pumping water out of basements. At the Melvin Price Locks and Dam between Mitchell and Alton, the river jumped to 33.5 feet Thursday, 12 feet above flood stage.

"We're looking for the river to hit 37 feet July 13 at Alton, washing out the record of 36.7 feet in 1973," Rapp said.

Portions of this story are from the Alton Telegraph

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approved by voters in 1988 and being overseen by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been a blessing to this area.

"If we hadn't had this rehab program with the Corps, we'd be under water right now," he said.

Greathouse said he is more worried about flood gates near East St. Louis and Cahokia than he is about the river breaking through the levee here.

For instance, Greathouse recently discovered a flood gate in East St. Louis had been stolen.

A reporter from East St. Louis asked Greathouse how he knew the 22- to 24-foot-wide gate, constructed of about 14 pieces of 4-inch thick aluminum, was stolen.

"Because it's not there," he told the reporter.

He said he has told the Federal Bureau of Investigation that he is offering \$2,500 to get the gate back. "No questions asked," he said another gate was slowly leaking a few inches of water

onto Front Street in East St. Louis.

"You know how the rumors are there. You see a little water on Front Street and pretty soon word is out that the whole city is under water."

He said he sent three scuba divers about 15 feet under water to place bags of oakum, a substance that swells when it gets wet, around the leaking gate.

"You wouldn't believe how well that works," he said of the substance.

"But we're doing extremely well (in Granite City)," Greathouse said, quickly pointing out that the levee near Chouteau Island, which broke Thursday morning, is outside of his jurisdiction.

"I've been trying to take over the Chouteau-Venice (levee) District for years, but they won't hear of it."

"If they don't want to pay for flood protection ... fine; let 'em evacuate," he said.

"But I'm going to stay with (the flood situation). If the levee doesn't break, we ought to get a Congressional medal of honor."



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

A view of the mighty Mississippi on Thursday, looking northwest from Chouteau Island as the river gobbles up land around it.

Island

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ago, when the river and eight-mile canal virtually merged.

During the 1973 flood, unsecured propane gas tanks floating in the floodwaters posed a threat to rescue workers and volunteers trying to help residents, who refused to evacuate.

"Hopefully, most of the residents of the island are descendants or relatives of people who were out there in '73 and know to tie that stuff down," Churchill said.

The National Weather Service was predicting Friday that the Mississippi River will crest at 45 feet Wednesday in St. Louis.

From the Alton Telegraph. Some information was provided by Journal Staff Writer Bob Slate.

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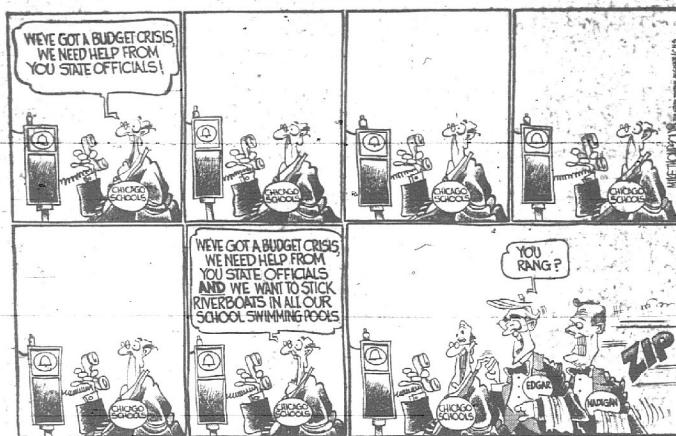
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Budget impasse hampers state government

(Alton Telegraph comment)

Those early predictions of a quick, efficient and timely end to the spring legislative session are in shambles. Adjournment as early as late May was much ballyhooed by legislative leaders. That deadline came and, of course, soon went. Debate over such divisive issues as Chicago casinos, the so-called "granny tax" on nursing home beds and the future and division of the income tax surcharge complicated the waning days of the fiscal year.

It appeared briefly that a compromise was in the works that would make the income tax surcharge permanent and substitute a 14-cent-a-pack cigarette tax for the nursing home tax. But legislative leaders missed the midnight June 30 deadline for simple majority votes and faced the far more difficult task of going into overtime with three-fifths votes required for passage of spending legislation. Now it looks like even that 11th-hour agreement may be on the garbage heap as support for the cigarette tax hike crumbled under intense lobbying by the tobacco industry.

As the House abruptly adjourned on July 2 for the holiday weekend, the governor and legislative leaders darkly hinted that it might be back to the drawing board for days or even weeks when the Legislature returned July 7. Meanwhile, dozens of services financed by the state budget, including Medicaid payments to health-care providers, were put at risk.

When it comes to the state budget, perhaps we should just get accustomed to the fact that nothing is automatic.

Nothing, that is, except legislators' and state officials' pay raises. That's right — pay raises for the people who have been scrambling over your tax money like hungry dogs. As the state went into the very first day of the fiscal year July 1 without a budget, your elected representatives in the House and Senate, your governor and, of course, all the judges across the state got a cost-of-living pay

raise. Base pay for lawmakers went up by almost \$1,000 a year to \$39,420. Gov. Jim Edgar now earns \$103,067, a nearly \$3,000-a-year hike. Judges also got raises of a couple of thousand a year. Somehow, it seems to us like there's something wrong here. Legislators get pay raises and a holiday weekend. Taxpayers get nothing. Perhaps it's time to rethink this business of automatic pay

raises. We know a lot of taxpayers would join us in suggesting a different sort of automatic pay incentive — say a 1 percent pay cut for legislators and the governor for each day of overtime in the session. Maybe if it was their money instead of ours they were playing with, they'd be a bit more responsible. But don't count on it. We're not.

Disclose public officials' 'blind' income data

By U.S. Sen. Paul Simon

New Jersey Gov. Jim Florio recently issued an executive order banning the use of "blind trusts" by the top employees of that state. It is a small but significant blow against a fraud that is perpetuated on a gullible public. What happens is that a state or federal official, required by law or by public pressure to disclose the details of his or her financial holdings, reveals some of it and then says the rest is in a "blind trust."

The stated objective is to keep the officeholder from making any decisions that might be a conflict of interest. Some blind trusts are genuine. Joe or Jane Smith appoints his or her good friend to manage a blind trust, but it is an almost open secret in politics that consultation takes place between the owner of the assets and the manager of the assets. The only people blinded by must blind trusts are the public. The best rule for public disclosure is exactly that: disclosure. Let the officeholder reveal the financial details. I have made it a practice to reveal my income, assets and liabilities in much greater detail than the law requires. It has not hurt me and it is at least a small protection to the public. Disclosure allows the public to determine whether those of us in office are primarily serving ourselves or the public. They can judge whether we are voting in our own self-interest or the public interest. If real blind trusts are to be created, there should be strict guidelines in the law to make sure they are genuine. Better yet, in each state, create a three-person board to administer blind trusts, for a

small fee from the income of the trusts. Make it genuinely blind. If that does not appeal to some people, they have two options: fully disclose financial data or get out of public office. There are many things capable citizens can do outside of holding a governmental leadership position. The few who hold genuine blind trusts should welcome the purification of this process. To those who try to hide financial details through use of blind trusts, we ought to send the same message that Gov. Florio is sending in New Jersey: This deceptive game is over. That message would take a little of the financial war-paint of the political process, and the United States would benefit.

Illinois' Congressional clout continues to wane

(By Robert Estill of Copley News Service)

Illinois' Congressional clout, on the wane for more than a decade, could decline further due to age or, in one case, a federal grand jury investigation. Of the five most influential members of the state's 20-member delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, four are at least in the normal age for retirement outside of Capitol Hill. They do not have to file candidacy petitions until December, but most lawmakers who intend to seek re-election usually announce their plans in late summer or early fall to begin gearing up for the campaign.

The three most influential Illinois Democrats in the House are Ways and Means Committee Chairman Dan Rostenkowski of Chicago, Richard Durbin of Springfield and Sidney Yates of Chicago. Rostenkowski, 65 years old and serving his 18th term in Congress, has been under investigation for more than a year by a grand jury probing his personal, congressional and campaign finances.

If Rostenkowski is indicted on a felony charge, he would have to surrender the chairmanship of the powerful committee that not only writes tax bills but also has health care and trade in its jurisdiction. Durbin and Yates hold sway as members of the "college of cardinals," the nickname given the potent chairmen of the 13 subcommittees of the House Appropriations Committee that holds the government's purse strings.

Yates, 83, chairman of the subcommittee that reviews Interior Department money requests, has not said if he will run for a 23rd two-term. His age could be a campaign issue if he seeks re-election. Of the delegation's three most powerful House Democrats, only Durbin seems secure.

Durbin, 48, won a sixth term by a landslide last November and moved up in January to the chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee's subcommittee that recommends funding for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Food and Drug Administration.

House Minority Leader Bob Michel of Peoria and Rep. Henry Hyde of Bensenville, two chairmen of the House GOP Policy Committee, are the most influential of the eight Illinois Republicans in the House.

Hyde, 69, definitely intends to run for an 11th term in 1994, according to a source close to the congressman. Michel, 70, has not said if he will seek a 20th term next year.

Michel is healthy and appears to be enjoying his job even though Democrats still rigidly rule the House. But, during his 1992 re-election campaign, Michel did sign a "lead or leave" pledge that he would not seek re-election in 1994 if the annual federal deficit were not reduced by 1994. He was under little political pressure to sign the pledge because he faced only token opposition, and Michel's action has spurred speculation that he might step down in 1994 or sooner. The delegation's influence diminished when the 1980 census trimmed two of the state's 24 seats in the House because Illinois population growth lagged behind other states. Then the 1990 census resulted in the state losing two more seats for the same reason.

First lady Hillary Clinton lauded Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun as a "talented attorney, coalition builder and peacemaker" when she presented the Illinois Democrat with the Bethune-DuBois "political pioneer" award recently.

The nation's first African-American female senator received the award that is named for two black pioneers. Dr. W.E.B. DuBois founded the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and was the first African-American to receive a doctorate from Harvard University. Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune was founder of the National Council of Negro Women and Bethune-Cookman College in Florida.

Repeating a request they failed to sell to former President George Bush, Rep. Richard Durbin, D-Springfield, and Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., are urging Clinton to convene a summit meeting this year on farm policy and rural America.

"For over a decade, we have been facing slow economic strangulation in rural America," they said in a letter to Clinton. "Too many family farmers are unable to make a living and are leaving the farm." The "main culprit," they said, is "chronically low prices" for farm commodities.

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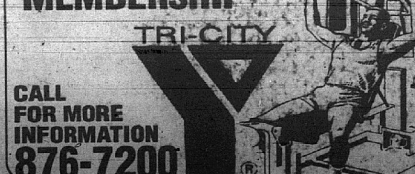
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New law will speed up divorces

SPRINGFIELD — Simplified, do-it-yourself divorces will help couples make the break under legislation signed into law by Gov. Jim Edgar.

The new law requires the courts to come up with forms for the quicker divorces and make them available from circuit court clerk's offices along with informational pamphlets.

Madison County Circuit Clerk Matthew Melucci said he is not familiar with the legislation but anticipates no problem with the paperwork. "Whatever we need to do, we'll do it," he said.

Madison County Associate Cir-

cuit Judge Ellar Duff-Williams said she also is not familiar with the new law. "I suspect as soon as the public is aware of it there will be people who will take advantage of it," she said.

The legislation was proposed by the Illinois State Bar Association to help lower costs for moderate-income couples contemplating simple divorces.

Only couples who have no children, few assets, modest income, no disputes over property and relatively short marriages would qualify.

Although lawyers would not be required, the brochures would advise husbands and wives it is

in their best interests to consult attorneys. It would also warn the couples they would be permanently waiving any financial claims against each other.

The soon-to-be singles must also appear before a judge who is required to quickly consider the case and grant the divorce if the couple's agreement is "not unconsentable."

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— From the Alton Telegraph

Mitchell plans fair Aug. 27-29

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The athletic club is taking reservations for vendors interested in booking that weekend.

The operating hours are 6 p.m. Friday to 12:30 a.m.; Saturday matinee, 1 to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday evening, 5:30 to 12:30 a.m.; Sunday matinee, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and Sunday evening, 5:30 to the closing.

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Sweet Adelines hoping to double its membership

By Kevin Glenn
Correspondent

A competition-bound local Sweet Adeline group has helped kick off a drive aimed at nearly doubling the singing organization's current membership.

The High Point Quartet, part of the Gateway Sounds Chapter of Sweet Adelines, performed at the Collinsville Senior Center for choruses from Belleville and St. Louis, and for persons interested in becoming involved in the Sweet Adelines.

"We are looking for new (women) members," said Jody Little, baritone, of Granite City.

"We have young people and old people and everyone in between."

"They have to be able to sing," she added. "We do require that."

Louise Blew, public relations chairman for Gateway Sounds, said that, with the Collinsville performance, her chapter has joined an international push for more members.

She said the Sweet Adeline organization hopes to increase enrollment from 29,000 to 50,000 by its 50th anniversary in 1995.

The High Point Quartet gave listeners a taste of what it will perform at an international competition slated for Nov. 2-6 in Indianapolis.

The quartet qualified for the event in Indiana by winning a blue ribbon among 16 entries in regional competition April 2 in Peoria, Blew said.

Little said 51 groups will compete in the international meet. Her quartet would have to qualify within the top 20 to move on to the next cut, which will narrow the competitors to the top 10.

She said her quartet will perform four songs for the first two sets, and then sing from four to six selections if it makes the final cut.

Blew said two of the quartet's members finished second and third in past international competition. She added that they changed members of their quartet in hopes of finding a formula that would take first place this time around.

"The (current) quartet has just been together for a year," Blew said.

The three joining Little in the new foursome are Bonnie Burke, lead, who sings with River Blenders in Chesterfield, Mo.; Pat Hickey, tenor, a member of St. Louis Harmony; and Pat Kepps, bass, from the Indian Valley Chapter in Chicago.

Little, a 20-year veteran of Sweet Adelines, said she doesn't count on taking first place with the quartet's first try at it.

"Our hopes are that we would eventually win it someday," she said.

Sweet Adelines is the world's largest women's singing organization, Blew said.

Formed in Tulsa, Okla. in the mid-1940s with just a few people, the group evolved through the years into an international collection of chapters.

Sweet Adelines now has 610 chapters in 11 different countries, Blew said, including such different locations as Sweden and Japan.

The Gateway Sounds chapter currently has 43 members.

"It really is promoting friendship in all the races and ethnic backgrounds," Blew said.

Each group carries on the tradition of singing four-part harmony, barbershop-style.

"It's one of the oldest (American) art forms," Blew said. "It's fun, too."



High Point singer Jody Little from Granite City



These Sweet Adelines make up the High Point quartet. They are, from left, Jody Little, Pat Kepps, Bonnie Burke and Pat Hickey.

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The High Point Quartet sings at a Sweet Adelines session at the Collinsville Township Center.

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Participants in "The Sound of Music" were, from left, Marsha Chomko, Sister Barbara McMullen and Sheila Poiter.

Nuns appear in Muni's 'Sound of Music'

Three Granite City women were in the St. Louis Muni Opera production of "The Sound of Music" in June.

To celebrate its 75th year, the Muni called for 75 nuns or representatives of religious congregations in the metro area to be in the vocal chorus.

Sister Barbara McMullen, a Sister of Divine Providence, and two of their lay associate

members, Marsha Chomko and Sheila Poiter, responded.

Sister Barbara, Marsha and Sheila all reside in Granite City. They traveled to the Muni, joining nine other congregations of Sisters, for several music and stage rehearsals and performances.

The three agreed it was an "enjoyable and interesting experience."

Salvation Army to hold fund-raising event

The Salvation Army of Southwestern Madison County, due to financial difficulty, will hold an emergency fund-raiser through-out the county July 22, 23 and 24.

"A day doesn't go by that we don't feed the needy, young and old, house people, service emergency situations, help with utilities, or whatever might occur,"

said Lt. Tim Miller.

"However, the need of the people is growing at an alarming rate. We urge you, as our community, to give what you can."

"And please have patience with us as we strive to reach our financial objective."

"The Salvation Army is seeking mothers, mother and daughter teams, fathers, father and son teams, aunts, uncles, and so on to volunteer for July 22, 23 or 24 to help us at the stores with the fund-raising."

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Cigarette tax hike would cost jobs here, some legislators say

By Peggy O'Farrell
Staff writer

A proposed 14-cent-a-pack tax increase on cigarettes and tobacco products would send Metro East residents across the Mississippi River for their nicotine fixes, a group of state legislators says.

The legislators — including Sens. Howard Carroll and William Shaw (both D-Cook County) and Denny Jacobs (D-Rock Island County) and Reps. Frank Giglio (D-Cook County) and Larry Hicks (D-Jefferson County) — said Gov. Jim Edgar's proposed tax hike would cost the state sales revenue and jobs.

A decision is still pending in the General Assembly deliberations at Springfield.

"People can go right across the river to St. Louis and buy their cigarettes," Carroll said at a press conference Tuesday at St. Louis Downtown-Parks Airport in Cahokia.

"You're just encouraging people to make that trip. You're hurting the businesses along the river, and you're hurting Illinois," he said.

"And if they cross the river for cigarettes, they'll buy their liquor and their gasoline there, too."

According to a study of excise tax-sensitive jobs and industry, the Mississippi River corridor from Keokuk to Carbondale — including the Metro East area — ranks fourth among regions at risk of losing revenue if the tax is increased. The Cook County area ranks first, according to the study.

Carroll said the tax increase would cost Illinois merchants \$25 million annually in sales lost to Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky and Michigan as residents cross state lines in search of cheaper tobacco.

According to the study, smokers would save \$3.10 per carton of cigarettes by going to Missouri if the proposed tax increase

passes.

"If we follow the governor's lead, we would drop more jobs out of Illinois, with people going right across the bridge out here to Missouri," Shaw said. "The governor's trying to start the biggest bootleg operation in Illinois since Al Capone."

Hicks said several gasoline stations in his district — located in the Mount Vernon area along the Indiana and Kentucky state lines — went out of business after the state's gasoline tax was increased a few years ago.

He said he expects a tobacco

tax increase to have the same effect on convenience stores and other merchants depending on cigarette sales.

"We're talking about jobs. A regressive tax is not the way to go," Hicks said.

Carroll said Edgar does not have the votes in either the House or Senate for the measure to carry.

The legislators Tuesday suggested imposing a sales tax on non-prescription items, such as toothpaste or shampoo, which are now exempt.

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Birds have a tougher time finding food in the winter than they do now. If there aren't enough generous folks with feeders, the birds will have to look around and may not be fortunate enough to find something. But now's still a good time to start. After all, birds appreciate a good meal any time. To us, a nice juicy steak is just as mouth-watering in July as it is in January.

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Have you ever gone out to eat and found your favorite restaurant closed up tight, out of business, without any warning? It's kind of a shock, but unless it was the only restaurant for miles, you'll usually find something open. It's not that easy for birds. If you suddenly cut off their food supply, they may not be able to find it eventually. The source isn't enough. This is especially true during the winter months. Once you start feeding, they become dependent on you. If you must stop feeding for any reason, do so gradually. This will give them time to find another eating spot.

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The trick, of course, is identifying when to jump in and out, and no one has demonstrated a timing system that has been successful over more than one market cycle in predicting when to move.

There is another argument some market timers use to justify their technique that is simply incorrect. That argument is stated something like this: The stock market is a risky investment; treasury bills are a risk-free investment.

Thus, if people park their money in treasury bills for most of the time and only jump into the market occasionally, they limit their exposure to the stock



Brian Mulholland

market and thus limit risk.

The flaw in this argument is that limiting time in the stock market does not decrease risk. In fact, it does just the

opposite. It increases risk substantially. The shorter the time period people are invested in the stock market, the more subject they are to violent short-term swings in the market.

Investing in the market over a longer holding period tends to smooth out these swings, allowing investors to participate in the overall upward trend in the market.

To illustrate this point, examine the performance of growth mutual funds from 1982 to 1992. These would be funds that tend to hold shares of large,

established companies with earnings expected to grow at an above-average rate.

Over one-year investment periods, these funds ranged from a return of plus-36 percent to minus-6 percent, or a 44 percent trading range.

When these funds were held for seven-year periods, however, the range of compound annual returns became much more consistent, with a low of plus-11 percent and a high of plus-19 percent.

This means that, in the worst seven-year period, investors still had an 11 percent compounded annual return. This was simply accomplished by letting time take its course and not market timing.

The most striking result, from a risk viewpoint, is the change in the low side of the above range. The risk of suffering a loss decreases as the investment horizon is lengthened.

One's best bet in stock market investing is to keep time on one's side. The more of it one is able to use, the less the risk that one will face a substantial loss.

Review finances every 6 months

By Roger McGrath
Correspondent

Remember those financial resolutions you made in January? You might have resolved to stick to a budget, plunk \$20 a month into little Suzie's college fund and take advantage of the company's 401(k) plan.

Well, 1993 has passed the half-way point, so now's a good time to review your finances. Every six months is a good time frame for a review, says Ellie Williams, a partner in Moneywise, a financial education firm in Clayton.

"If you look every six months, you might catch a trend you wouldn't have noticed," she said. For example, you might notice your retirement account isn't growing or you've slipped into some bad spending habits.

Other reasons for reviewing 1993's financial plan come from Washington, D.C., and the Missouri and Illinois capitals. All three governments have passed or are debating major tax increases.

Especially worrisome is a provision in the House version of President Bill Clinton's budget to increase tax rates on high-income workers (single \$115,000, couples \$140,000). The hike would be retroactive to Jan. 1. While the Senate version of the bill would delay the higher rates to

July 1, these taxpayers may want to boost withholding from paychecks to cover the higher tax liability, says Art Weiss, of Weiss Yess & Co., an accounting firm in Maryland Heights.

A second jolt to Missouri taxpayers is a provision in the education tax bill that eliminates the deductibility of federal income taxes on the state tax return, Weiss said. That will affect couples earning \$70,000, a total too modestly paid workers could reach easily, he said.

High-income retirees (single \$25,000, couples \$32,000) also could face a higher tax bill. The Clinton budget calls for taxing 85 percent of their Social Security benefits, up from 50 percent.

Switching from certificates of deposit and corporate bonds to tax-free bonds would not help retirees avoid the tax, said George Peters, senior vice president at Dean Witter, a brokerage firm in Clayton. Those interest earnings would be counted as income.

To avoid the higher tax, which would be effective next January, retirees on the high-income bor-

derline might want to shift money into tax-deferred annuities, which would not be subject to tax calculations, Peters said.

Now is the time to consider where to invest funds from certificates of deposit that will mature between now and Dec. 31, Peters said.

He suggests the stock market, noting that corporate downsizing means earnings will climb faster once the economy rebounds. Plus, there's a lot of money sitting on the sidelines awaiting the recovery's impact on stocks.

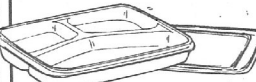
Inflation is the cloud on this horizon. "Inflation is bad for the price of stocks," said Joe Terrell, president of Terrell & Co., a money management firm in Des Peres. An uncertain or stagnant economy is no guarantee inflation won't rear its ugly head; that's why the term "stagflation" was coined, he said.

If you're concerned that inflation will heat up (Terrell predicts 5 percent inflation next year vs. last year's 3 percent and this year's 4 percent pace), shorten the maturities in your portfolio to less than five years, he said.

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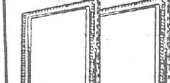


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Charles Tzinberg, certified public accountant, was the speaker at a conference for salon owners and operators sponsored by Granite City State Beauty and Barber Supply Inc.

"How to Keep More of What You Make" suggested various methods for reducing income taxes.

A second seminar is planned for July 25. At that time, he will discuss several topics of interest to salon operators, including accounting procedures, entity selection, and employees versus subcontractors.

He is a principal in the certified public accounting firm of Tzinberg & Goldenberg, a professional corporation, with offices at 2132 Pontoon Road, Suite A, Granite City.

Elected by state group

Julia Adams Rogliano, director of medical records at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City, has been elected treasurer-elect of the Illinois Health Information Management Association.

Rogliano, a registered record administrator, will be learning of the duties of treasurer in order to fill the position in 1994. She will also serve on the board of directors for ILHIMA and serve as board liaison for two state projects.

Rogliano graduated from Illinois State University with a bachelor of science degree in medical records administration. She is currently serving as president-elect of the Southern Illinois Health Information Management Association.

A registered member of the American Health Information Management Association, she is active with the Tri-Cities Area United Way, chairing the United Way campaign at SEMC in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

In 1992, she served on the SEMC campaign committee and as a board member of the Tri-Cities Area United Way.



Christie (Peterson) Olden is shown with Jim Astorga, Chevrolet branch manager, left, her father, Butch Peterson, center right, and Tom Sorenson, Chevrolet area sales manager, at the signing for her dealership.

New Chevrolet dealer in Salem

Christie L. (Peterson) Olden has signed a sales and service agreement with Chevrolet Motor Division to become the Chevrolet-Buick-GEO dealer in Salem.

Christie and her husband, Steve, have purchased the dealership from Christie's father, Butch Peterson.

Christie has worked in all of the departments of the dealership and she has attended various dealership management schools sponsored by General Motors Corp.

A 1983 graduate of Granite City High School, she graduated from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1987 with a degree in marketing and management.

Christie and Steve and their son, Andy, reside in Salem. Christie is the daughter of Butch and Sandi Peterson of Edwardsville.

Mackin passes management exam

Robert L. Mackin, director of strategic planning at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City, recently passed the Board of Governors' examination in health care management of the American College of Health Care Executives.

He is now assured all rights and privileges of membership in the organization.

The college is a Chicago-based international professional society representing more than 21,000 health care executives.

To become a member, Mackin demonstrated his educational preparation and commitment to the health care field through an extensive application process and the passing of written and oral examinations.

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Juniors

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Tri-City manager Jerry McKechnie said, "They're a well-coached team and I think if we played them 10 times we'd win five and they'd win five. Their kids just didn't quit."

"I thought we had it pulled out. This whole league is competitive like that."

FOR CAHOKIA, coming back in extra innings wasn't a new experience. Post 794 beat Belleville 2-1 and also topped Collinsville 9-8 in nine innings.

"We're real happy with this win," Cahokia manager Paul Choate said. "These kids don't give up. I think they still remembered what happened against these guys, and it was in their minds the whole game. They were more up for this game."

"The only thing that was disappointing was that (Brian) DeLuccia couldn't go all the way. DeLuccia was the loser in the first game against Tri-City, as the Junior Triplets used three successive bunts to score three runs and win the game in their last at bat. DeLuccia got the starting nod again this time, but he was lifted after 5 1/2 innings after Tri-City tied the game at three on an RBI double by Jason Wood.

CHOATE WAS HOPING to go with DeLuccia the whole game again, but he had to turn to Gimpel, who was scheduled to pitch against O'Fallon on Friday.

"I thought we could win it and (Gimpel) did a great job," Choate said. "We've been working on the bunt and bunt situations since that first game (against Tri-City). It paid off."

"We'll take these wins any way we get them."

The Junior Triplets could have gone ahead in the sixth inning with two outs when Steve Geske hit a sharp grounder to right field with Wood on third base. But Darryl Mantz was playing shallow and he gunned the ball to Busby at first, nipping Geske to end the inning.

Stagman took the loss after relieving Jason Talley in the fifth inning. Stagman, a right-hander, got the win against Cahokia earlier this season.

STAGMAN ACTUALLY pitched better in Thursday's game, but he came away with the loss.

He struck out six batters in 3 1/2 innings and got the strong defensive help in the eighth inning, but Geske's throw to first on Gimpel's chopper wasn't in time.

The Junior Triplets will try to rebound in their next game, which is Monday at Belleville.

Triplets

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the first four innings, allowing just one hit and two baserunners. The Triplets' bats finally began to show some life in the fifth with Bethalto ahead 1-0.

WITH TWO OUTS and Corey Dickerson blooped a single to right field. Winfield moved to third on the play, and Dickerson stole second.

Leadoff hitter Jeff Ridenour then hit a bloop double to center field on an 0-2 count to score both runners. The inning ended when Marc Patton grounded out, but the Triplets had a 2-1 lead.

"Ridenour got the big hit," Lignoul said. "He didn't hit it hard, but he hit it where they weren't."

"We never really hit the ball hard. I thought their pitcher threw a nice ballgame."

As did Dickerson, who breezed through Bethalto's No. 35 hitters in the top of the sixth. Dickerson fanned Jason Albers and Justin Waters before retiring Brad Hasquin on a weak grounder to first base.

DICKERSON GAVE UP an unearned run in the second inning. With Epps at the plate, Aaron McKeever came around to score from second base when he attempted to steal third and catcher Jeff Luffman's throw ricocheted off the bat of Epps into short left field.

Dickerson had little trouble thereafter, finishing with seven strikeouts and limiting Bethalto to four hits.

"I thought he got better as the game went on," Lignoul said.

But the Triplets had little to show for Dickerson's effort until the fifth inning. They finally began hitting Epps in the sixth, when the game was called.

Bob Wilson and Rob Odum both hit doubles just after the infield to put runners on second and third, and Wilson scored on Matt Stinson walked. Epps hit Jeff Luffman with a pitch to lead the bases.

WINFIELD SMACKED a line-drive out to left field to bring in Odum, but a throw back to third base caught Stinson.

With two outs, the game was ended by the officials because of lightning. Lignoul said the Triplets were able to dodge more than just the rain.

"Good teams find a way to win," Lignoul said. "We had ourselves backed up into a corner, but we found a way to make a couple of things happen."

The Triplets improved to 18-2 overall, 12-1 in league play. With the playoffs nearing, the Triplets are starting to think about earning the home-field advantage.

"WE'RE PLAYING right now for the best record in the district," Lignoul said.

The Triplets' next game is Monday at Highland.

Roundup - Sox

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Ronnie Morlen, Craig Wright, Andrew Crider, Brian Beyrau, Benj Nichols, Ryne Burns and Steve Evans.

Davis hit a homer for the Eagles in their win over the Tigers, and Await added a triple.

The Eagles will face the undefeated, first-place A's on Tuesday.

IN PONYTAIL Juvenile play, the Splaingards were led by Angie Vasquez's two home runs as they moved to 5-1 for the season.

Trish Sedabres also had a homer and was the winning pitcher against Galbreath's.

The Splaingards will take on the Sluggettes on Monday.

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distance, striking out 15 and walking four. At the plate, he was 2-3 with a double.

The Sox, coached by Paul Kacera, Dennis Brewer and Charlie Hayden, include Craig Murphy, Chris Ousley, Dep Bruckman, Steve Graham, Brian Kamadaski, Rich Kismen, Zach Miller and Tim Wallace.

Paddlers to hold swim lessons

Sign-ups for swimming lessons to be offered by the Paddlers will be held from 9-11 a.m. July 17 at the Paddlers' Club. Each lesson lasts 30 minutes, and sessions will last two weeks. The fee is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

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Pitchers

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earned-run average. He has 33 strikeouts and seven walks.

Last weekend, he finished up two games in one day at the Granite City Round Robin Tournament.

"As the season has gone on, he looks forward to it," Lignoul said. "He knows when it comes down to the late innings, he's the one who has to stop the other team. It takes a certain attitude to do that, and he goes after it."

"He was concerned about how much he would get to pitch, and he's only missed a couple of games."

RIESER'S SUCCESS has not been much of a surprise, given his experience over his high school career.

But even Lignoul has a tough time explaining the emergence of another pitcher, Dickerson. Who wouldn't?

After joining the Warrior pitching staff this year, Dickerson went 5-1 and posted an ERA of 0.59. Before Friday night's game against Bethalto, he was 3-1 with a 2.63 ERA, and he had 43 strikeouts against nine walks.

Amazingly, Dickerson did not play baseball for Granite City the past two years. His debut was a landmark 4-0 shutout over Edwardsville this spring.

Dickerson suffered a recent setback against Madison, which knocked him out early and handed Tri-City its last defeat. But Dickerson has rebounded.

"It was uncharacteristic of him, but you knew it had to happen somewhere along the line," Lignoul said. "We don't fault him by any means. The thing I like about it is he's been back to the Corey Dickerson of old."

"To be able to do what he's accomplished this year is tremendous."

DICKERSON, A JUNIOR this spring, will be back to lead the Warrior pitching staff next year along with Winfield and Hidenour.

The Granite City Park District will sponsor its third trip to Busch Stadium for the 1993 season on Aug. 5 for a 7:30 p.m. game between the Cardinals and the Florida Marlins.

The cost of the trip is \$9 per person, and it includes the cost of a Lege Reserved seat and bus transportation to and from the game. The bus will leave the Wilson Park ice rink at 6 p.m.

In order for bus transportation to be provided, 25 tickets must be sold. Residents will have first priority for tickets. But nonresidents will be able to purchase tickets after 10 days, or on July 23.

Tickets will go on sale in the Wilson Park office at 8 a.m. Tuesday. For more information, call 877-3659.

Elks '81 girls holding tryouts

Tryouts for the Granite City Elks '81 under-13 girls soccer team will be held at 6 p.m. July 19, 21 and 23 at the soccer fields at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City.

The tryouts will be for girls born Aug. 1, 1980 through December 1981. For more information, call 931-5163.

Elks '81 boys holding tryouts

The Granite City Elks '81 boys soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1982-83 season at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and July 19 at the soccer fields at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City.

The tryouts are open to boys born Aug. 1, 1980 through Dec. 31, 1981. For more information, call 451-0901 or 876-2229.

Elks '79 team to hold tryouts

The Granite City Elks '79 girls soccer team will hold tryouts for the 1982-83 season from 10 a.m. noon July 17 and 8:30-7 p.m. July 21.

The tryouts will be held at the soccer fields at the Belleville Area College campus in Granite City. The team is for girls born between Aug. 1, 1978 and Dec. 31, 1979.

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on the staff. Winfield relies on his control. Early on this summer, he started against Bethalto and combined with Dickerson and Rieser on a no-hitter.

"I think we've gotten a lot more confidence this summer," Winfield said. "Pitching more is really helping me out. I was having problems with my mechanics, but (Lignoul) has really helped me out."

"The difference between Mark and I is he's gotten so much stronger," Lignoul said. "If he improves as much as he did this year, we're looking at a kid who can win a lot of ballgames for us."

"THIS CURVE BALL is a great pitch. That's his out pitch," Ridenour, in comparison, is the hardest thrower on the staff. At times, he can be as overpowering as he is at the plate.

Ridenour is 3-0 this season, with a 3.72 ERA. He has 24 strikeouts and has issued just four walks.

When you look at the ability to just throw it up there, I think Jeff Ridenour has the best arm on the staff," Lignoul said. "Arm wise, he's the strongest. He's a tremendous athlete who can do a lot of things."

The leader of the staff has been Hicks, who has been called upon all year to pitch against the Triplets' toughest foes. He battled Marissa's Brian Smith in a 2-0 loss and earned the decision when Tri-City defeated Eugene Pate of Evansville (Ind.) 5-1.

HICKS HAS GONE 5-1 with a 1.12 ERA and has recorded 31 strikeouts and 10 walks. Lignoul said Hicks has been the one to turn to in key games. "They said (Smith) was the

best pitcher in the league, and Ben was with him pitch for pitch," Lignoul said. "Hicks pitched a terrific game."

"The team plays with confidence behind him. They know they're going to get a well pitched ballgame. I think what he does best is lead by example. He's the kind of kid who you want to have out there in the big ballgames."

Yet on Tri-City's staff, one pitcher appears to be just as strong as the next. The Triplets are gaining confidence with each game.

"Everybody's pitching real well," Hicks said. "None of us have fallen into a slump this season. So far, so good."

"WE'RE OFF TO a good start, and we want to keep it that way," Ridenour said. "I think everybody is pretty confident right now."

With the playoffs quickly approaching, the Triplets are trying to win their division and also finish with the top record in District 22.

Just two years ago, a well-rounded pitching staff led Tri-City Post 112 to the American Legion State Tournament. The same year, the Junior Triplets won the state tournament. Hicks, Rieser and Ridenour were all on that team.

Could another trip to state be in Tri-City's future?

"We're really looking forward to the playoffs," Winfield said. "I think we're going to be tough to beat."

The double-elimination format will help the Triplets.

"We feel like we have enough pitching when the playoffs come," Lignoul said. "We have confidence in every one of our kids. We've got a chance to do some things."



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**Party for 1943,
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Members of the January and June classes of 1942 at Granite City High School have planned a party for all graduates for the evening of 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

The "old grad" party will be held Friday, Aug. 6, in the main ballroom of the Sunset Hills Hotel, 1000 E. 12th St.

A cash bar social hour beginning at 6 p.m. will be followed by the "old grad" party at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$20 per person.

The deadline for reservations is July 21. Dress is casual, and the entertainment will be Bill Berutti's music of the 40s.

All interested graduates may contact one of the following to obtain reservation information for their class: Andy Rapoff, 797-6141; Von Dee Cruse, 797-6141; Jim Hill, 797-6141; Doris Montgomery Pekarick, 452-6181; Gene Bytner Hill, 656-0083; or Mary Nichols, LR 4-0229.



Touring — Brownie Troop 945 toured the History Museum as part of the requirements for the badge, "The World of Today and Tomorrow." They had met all the requirements except the tour at a previous meeting.

Church planning cookout for youngsters

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be con-

On Sunday, July 11, Rob Cornwell, the new youth leader of the Pontoon Beach Baptist Church, has a great time planned for the youth of the area.

He is inviting the youth group to a youth cookout and fellowship and would like for you to join them for Sunday School, stay for worship and then change into comfy clothes and stick around for the cookout and fellowship. Pontoon Beach Baptist Church is located at 4000 Highway 111. Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday.



Lucille

blankets for the Pontoon Senior Citizens' meeting on June 26 in the Senior Citizen Center. Each member attending contributed with a covered dish for the pot luck dinner. Attending were William and Ruth Dagon, Bob and Genny Alford, Earl and Rose Edmiston, Otto and Corrine Kreher, Edna Webster, Pete and Evelyn Ferro, Challace Grigsby, Birdie Tayon, Lea Anderson, Bob Graves Sr., Luralee Purcell, Ruby Hocking, Nora Birtley, Syl-

via Massman, Emerald and Irene Dawes, Stanley and Loretta Golab, Joe Pisel, Karmyn Edmonds, Thelma Falls, Irene McCaslin, Leona Bell, Florence Stewart, Irene Weber, Julie Mainor, Andy Simirva, Lottie [unclear] and Mary McGhay.

The Pittsford family reunion was held Sunday in Sessor, Ill. Attending from Pontoon Beach were Allison and Amber Heberlein, Jamie Boswell, Don and Linda Boswell and Joe Boswell. Approximately 50 relatives attended, including Don's mother, Murnia Boswell.

Wink Abbott spent the weekend in Campbell, Mo., visiting a friend, Glen Dye, and relatives, Donnie and Shelby Thurman and daughter "Pepper" in Kennett, Mo.

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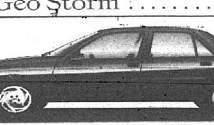

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Body deserves a cool down aided by light frozen dessert

By Patricia Abeis
Registered Dietitian
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Summer just wouldn't be summer without cold, refreshing ice cream. Thanks to all the luscious low-fat frozen desserts now on the market, getting the pleasure of ice cream without breaking the fat bank is easier than ever.

First, a few words about real ice cream.

"It's loaded with fat," says Kitty Quinn, registered dietitian at Washington University's Lipid Research Center.

"Most regular ice creams have about 12 to 20 grams fat per cup — the equivalent of three to five teaspoons of grease. Premium ice creams have even more — up to 33 grams of fat per cup."

That's only slightly less than some people need in an entire day.

Quinn says the key to selecting frozen dessert is to read the label carefully.

"Most manufacturers list a half cup or four ounces as one serving. But some use three ounces to make the numbers look better. If you calculate about a cup as a serving, you may be getting much more fat than you realize."

She suggests low-fat or nonfat

frozen yogurt as an alternative, but cautions that some varieties have as much fat as regular ice cream.

If the manufacturer adds whole milk, cream, eggs or nuts, the fat content skyrockets.

Fat-free frozen desserts are good choices, too. These have no more than one-half gram fat per serving. Of course, manufacturers add more sugar to make up for flavor that is removed when they take out the fat. Artificially sweetened frozen desserts have no sugar added, but may not be low in fat. Again, check the label.

Quinn says many of her clients enjoy sherbets or sorbets, which contain minimal fat, but "tons" of sugar.

"Both are loaded with sugar, so think of them as special treats. Just because a dessert is fat-free doesn't mean it's wise to eat unlimited quantities. Those calories still add up," she warns.

In the frozen yogurt, ice milk is a favorite dessert. Her children enjoy a small scoop topped with slices of fresh peaches and berries, a drizzle of chocolate sauce and a few marshmallows.

"It's positively sinful," she smiles, "and it keeps us sane when we have to face the neighborhood ice cream truck each night."

Here is an elegant, yet simple frozen fruit treat that cools the yearning for rich-tasting ice

cream.

Blackberry sorbet

1 lb. unsweetened frozen blackberries, raspberries or strawberries
1/2 cup creme de cassis (black currant liqueur)
1/2 cup confectioner's sugar

1/2 tsp. fresh lemon juice
1/2 to 1 cup fresh blackberries, raspberries or strawberries
Mint leaves for garnish

Place frozen berries, liqueur, sugar and lemon juice in food processor. Pulse to desired consistency. Remove. Gently fold in fresh berries.

Place mixture in shallow pan. Freeze until ready to serve. Garnish with mint.

Makes 1 1/2 cups; 226 calories, 0.8 g fat, no cholesterol and 1.5 mg sodium per 1/2-cup serving.

Recipe from the "Dessert Recipe" brochure by the American Heart Association, St. Louis Chapter and Missouri Affiliate Nutrition Committee.

The American Heart Association's series of "I Love Eating" cooking classes continues two Wednesdays a month through October. Classes meet from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Missouri Botanical Garden. Admission to the garden that morning and to the class is free, but registration is required. To obtain a copy of "Dessert Recipe" or to register for the class, call 85-HF-4477 or toll-free (800) 253-9919 from outside St. Louis.

Black-eyed pea salad gives July winner's lucky

Mary Grana, 5645 Neosho, is the winner of this week's recipe contest for Black-Eyed Pea and Ham Salad. For it she won a prize of dinner certificates from the Pasta House Company.

She makes it a day ahead to prepare for a picnic or barbecue and serves it on leafy lettuce. This gives enough time for the flavors to merge without the peas becoming mushy. She serves it as the recipe suggests as a side salad or increases the ham and cuts it in larger chunks for a main dish luncheon salad.

Recipes in this month's Summer Fruit Recipe Contest will be accepted through July 31 for consideration as winner each week in August. Use any type of fresh summer fruit as a dessert.

beverage, grill specialty, side dish or salad in a recipe for consideration.

One recipe per household can be sent to: Summer Fruit Recipe Contest, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, Mo. 63131.

Winners are notified by mail. Duplicate entries will be considered on the basis of earlier entry or best compliance with the rules. Contest winners may enter again six months after the prize-winning publication date.

Black-eyed pea and ham salad

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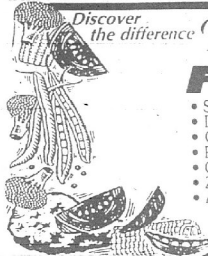
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
1/2 cup coarsely chopped red bell pepper
1/4 red onion, thinly sliced
2 oz. thinly sliced cooked ham, cut in slivers
1/2 cup oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar

1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes

Cook peas according to package directions. Drain. Rinse with cold water to cool.

Place peas in large bowl. Add rice, celery, bell pepper, onion and ham.

Combine oil, vinegar, salt, mustard and pepper flakes in small bowl. Pour over black-eyed pea mixture. Mix gently but thoroughly. Refrigerate until serving time.



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Students of the year — Amanda Crabtree, left, and Aja Blount were chosen as Grigsby Junior High's eighth grade Students of the Year.



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Top of the class — Seventh graders Dan Stagman and Katie Cooper were chosen as Grigsby Junior High's seventh grade Students of the Year.



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Best spellers — Melissa Hammond and Joe Herman were the spelling bee winners at Grigsby Junior High.



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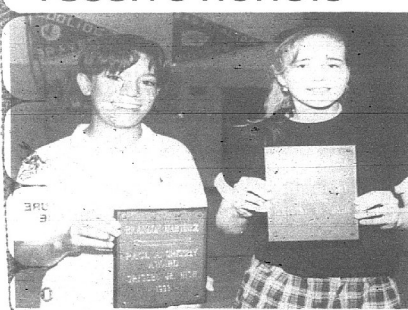
Band awards — Eighth graders Sharon Supn, left, and Brenda Fritzsche received the Band Director Award at Grigsby Junior High.



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Top athletes — Eighth graders Stephanie Brandt and Bryan Johnson were chosen as Grigsby Junior High's Athletes of the Year.

Grigsby students receive honors



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School's top award — Eighth graders Brandon Martinez and Brenda Fritzsche were given Grigsby Junior High's most prestigious award when they were given the Paul A. Grigsby Award during end-of-the-year award ceremonies June 2.

Celebrates 2nd birthday

Alexis Marie Cook celebrated her second birthday on May 16 in the home of her parents, Denise and Bob Cook. The party was given by her parents and her sister, Erica. Those in attendance were her maternal grandparents, Herb and Irene Wein; paternal grandparents, Rich and Mary Ann Sleeka; Don and Tracy Cook and Marissa; Rosie Sleeka; Tony and Mary Bellue; Bob and Dee Fichte; Nancy Gray Maryann Gray and Jo Ann Gray; and Cheryl and Dan Folkerts.

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Dennis' too menacing for this film's good

By Harry Marim
Correspondent

If you have children who love to watch reruns of "Dennis the Menace" on the Nickelodeon channel, you'd best not show them the updated film version. Even though it sports the creative talents of "Home Alone" writer and producer John Hughes, who is guilty of writing and co-producing this gleeful effort, "Dennis the Menace" is a movie without personality or pleasure. It also glorifies dubious kiddie antics like tricks with prescription pill bottles and violent pranks that could have grave consequences in real life.

Newcomer Mason Gamble, 8, plays Dennis. As child actors go, Gamble is very directable, much in the way a robot can be given computerized commands.

Walter Matthau plays the neighbor, Mr. Wilson, and struggles as the retired mailman, Mr. Wilson, who has the

misfortune of being Dennis' next-door neighbor, Wilson is the brunt of most of this kid's mean-spirited pranks. Dennis seems to especially enjoy hitting Mr. Wilson in the genitals. He does it twice.

Joan Plowright plays Mrs. Wilson, ex-Thompson and Robert Stanton appear as Dennis' mom and dad. Paul Winfield is the chief of police. Christopher Lloyd overplays a character named Switchblade Sam. Sam comes to town on a slow freight train to make a few fast bucks stealing Mr. Wilson's coin collection.

"Dennis the Menace" is directed by Nick Castle in a perfunctory, uninspired fashion. You won't laugh at Dennis. You'll hate the little jerk. It is obviously difficult to take a comic strip and make it into a movie. In the case of "Dennis the Menace," however, you'll wonder why they even tried.

Rated PG (comic violence).



Walter Matthau is the crotchety neighbor, Mr. Wilson, and Mason Gamble is the irrepressible young Dennis Mitchell, in "Dennis the Menace."

Horoscope

The last quarter moon over the next two and a half days indicates the completion of projects and profit-taking in the market. If you're feeling insensitive to others' feelings, chalk it up to today's moon in Aries. Face the issue of personal identity, and ask yourself — "Who am I?" Resist the tendency to give away your power to those who are unworthy or downright deceptive in their actions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best pioneering you can do is to go "where no man has gone before" in your own mind. Health is spiffy when you remain free of addictions. Being in the limelight may demand sacrifices.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). It will be easier to get yourself started if you have someone behind you pushing. Later on, you're better off being on your own, perhaps getting in that

heathful walk you've been meaning to take.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're on the go, the better. Let's face it, no matter how much you explain, others will never completely understand you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Security comes from building a relationship with yourself rather than depending too heavily on friends, friends or foes. Guard against bonking your head on something. There's little time to lose.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Acting on raw impulse in affairs of the heart could lead to more agony than ecstasy. You have an opportunity to repair your relationship with a brother or sister. Get your priorities straight at work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11). Expand basic foundations in life: home base, property, other holdings. You have powerful experiences through love affairs this month. Get away from it all in August — it's perhaps your best chance in '93. Increased productivity in September secures finances. Successful promotions come in October. Marriage is favored in November or January.

In '94, you grow from travel, new friends and education. Reinvest in business in March.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The power to transform yourself or your life has never been greater. Even if you feel wounded yourself, you can still be a healer for others. Stop worrying that the world isn't going to turn out OK.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Too much love of comfort and ease will keep you soft; expect a little conflict every so often. Getting more rest helps you take charge of opportunities coming this week. You could do worse than being with Gemini.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Introspection is great when not carried to extremes; put what you've recently learned into action. Expect a false start or two; just keep trying until you come up with the magic formula for success.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships can be a dream come true if you're willing to be more available. Projects started now will most likely have to be restarted later. Love has a way of cutting through all differences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The world isn't against you, but it may seem like it today. Taking a systematic approach to things is great, but what about spontaneity? You have more recognition coming your way this week.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You get more done working in spurts. Aries is the challenge you need, worth the possible headache you get. One hot creative project is about to go big time. Life is not permitting you to stand aside.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Having dreams without taking action on them will only lead to delusion. You're about to take up a cause worth fighting for. Don't expect others to be there for you; they've got too much to contend with.

Joyce Jillson

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Conlee performing at Silvermoon

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Conlee got his first record contract in the late 70s, after working in radio for a number of years. He has eight No. 1 singles and 16 albums to his credit, including his latest release, "Fellow Travelers."

Among Conlee's hits are songs like "Back Side of Thirty," "Lady Lay Down," "Before My Time," "Friday Night Blues," "I Don't Remember Loving You," "Common Man," and

"I'm Only in it for the Love." Singles off his current album include "Hit the Ground Running" and "Fellow Travelers."

Conlee was born and raised in Kentucky, and grew up doing farm work. He currently lives with his wife and three children on a 32-acre farm outside Nashville.

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Rachel is the granddaughter of Al and Jane Lewis and Gerald and Bea Shafer, all of Granite City.



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Births

Kaitlin Szedlar

Brad and Kathryn Szedlar of Glen Carbon, announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Kaitlin Marie, 7 pounds, at 6:50 p.m. on May 31, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northwest. Maternal grandparents are Charles and Doreen Zeugin of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Bill and Karen Szedlar of Granite City.

Sunny Kofahl

Steve and Cindy Kofahl of Granite City are announcing the birth of a daughter, Sunny Rose, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, June 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. The mother is the former, Cindy Lamkin.

Grandparents are Austin and Maxine Lamkin and Edward and Laverne Kofahl, all of Granite City.

Brittany Wallace

Donald and Carol Wallace of Granite City are announcing the birth of a daughter, Brittany Irene, weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces, June 7, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City. The mother is the former Car-

ol Sue Reinhardt.

Grandparents are Gene and Sue Reinhardt and Don and Bonnie Wallace, all of Granite City. Brittany joins sister, Rachel, 1.

Brianna Nichols

Robert Nichols and Linda Knobloch of Granite City are announcing the birth of a daughter, Brianna Alexis, weighing 7 pounds, 2 ounces, June 9, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Grandparents are Norman and Gloria Knobloch and Lynn and Mary Jane Nichols, all of Granite City.

Nikolas Keel

Tammy Keel of Granite City is announcing the birth of a son, Nikolas Scott, weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces, June 15, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Granite City.

Grandmother is Dorothy Keel of Granite City.

Brendan Whitt

Alan and Karlene Whitt of Granite City are announcing the birth of a son, Brendan Alex, weighing 8 pounds, 14 1/2 ounces, April 22, 1993, at Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. The mother is the former Karl-

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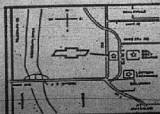
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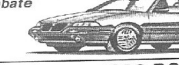
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